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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1651

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 8756

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PINS, LA

SUBJ: REPORTED DETENTION OF AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN

REF: VIENTIANE 8728; STATE 262139

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MR. HOWARD DEAN FROM AMBASSADOR.

1. YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 18 TO LOU CONNICK JUST RECEIVED.  
WE BELIEVE OUR LATEST MESSAGE (VIENTIANE 8728) GIVES YOU  
ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE. I HAVE MENTIONED CHARLIE'S  
CASE TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
AND WE HAVE INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND BOTH DELEGA-  
TIONS ON THE JOINT COMMISSION IN WRITING OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

2. LOU AND I CAN SEE NO NEED FOR YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS  
TIME. IT SEEMS BEST TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER OUR CURRENT  
ACTIONS BRING ANY RESULTS. A VISIT BY YOU IN MID-DECEMBER  
WOULD OBVIOUSLY INCREASE THE PRESSURE BUT IT IS VERY HARD  
TO ANTICIPATE WHAT THE PATHET LAO WILL DO.

3. I DO NOT REPEAT NOT THINK THAT ANY MENTION OF  
REWARD MONEY WOULD BE HELPFUL, BUT WANTED YOU TO  
KNOW THAT I HAVE GIVEN THIS ASPECT CONSIDERATION.  
YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE  
CAN . WARM REGARDS.

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